

HOUSE BILL 1646

By Dennis

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-30-117(c), relative to post-conviction proceedings.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-30-117(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c) If the motion is denied, the petitioner shall have thirty (30) days to file an application in the court of criminal appeals seeking permission to appeal. The application shall be accompanied by copies of all the documents filed by both parties in the trial court and the order denying the motion. The state shall have thirty (30) days to respond. The court of criminal appeals shall not grant the application unless it appears that the trial court abused its discretion in denying the motion. If it determines that the trial court did so abuse its discretion, the court of criminal appeals shall remand the matter to the trial court for further proceedings.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.